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## Charlie May Simon and Arkansas Diamond Reading Lists - 2004-05

The Charlie May Simon Children's Book Award for children's literature is presented annually to an author whose book has been selected through a vote taken by Arkansas school children in grades four, five and six. The purpose of the award is to promote excellent books written for children and to recognize Charlie May Hogue Fletcher, an outstanding Arkansas author who wrote under the pen name Charlie May Simon. The books on the 2004-2005 reading list are:

**Keeper of the Doves**

Byars, Betsy

**A Week in the Woods**

Clements, Andrew

**Ruby Holler**

Creech, Sharon

**Pictures of Hollis Woods**

Giff, Patricia Reilly

**A Corner of the Universe**

Martin, Ann M.

**When My Name Was Keoko**

Park, Linda Sue

**The Same Stuff as Stars**

Paterson, Katherine

**Doing Time Online**

Siebold, Jan

**Loser**

Spinelli, Jerry

**Becoming Joe DiMaggio**

Testa, Maria

**Surviving the Applewhites**

Tolan, Stephanie

The Arkansas Diamond Primary Book Award debuted in 1998 to encourage reading for students in Grades K-3. Annually, the Arkansas Department of Education and the Arkansas Elementary Council support selected books that students all over Arkansas read or have read to them. In April, the students vote for the one book they most enjoyed, and the winning title receives the Arkansas Diamond Primary Book Award. The books selected for the 2004-2005 reading list are:

**The Princess and the Pizza**

Auch, Mary Jane

**Goose's Story**

Best, Cari

**Daisy Comes Home**

Brett, Jan

**The Littlest Wolf**

Brimner, Larry Dane

**I. Q. Goes to School**

Fraser, Mary Ann

**The Teddy Bear**

McPhail, David

**Bob**

Pearson, Tracy Campbell

**Epossumondas**

Salley, Coleen

**Wanda's Monster**

Spinelli, Eileen

**Dear Mrs. LaRue**

Teague, Mark

**Sixteen Cows**

Wheeler, Lisa